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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the title as follows:

~~SMALL AREA DEEP CLEANER~~ DEEP CLEANER WITH ALIGNED ELECTRICAL
CORD AND CORD WRAPS

Please amend the following paragraphs as shown below:

[0001] This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/064,604, filed September 12, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,658,692, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent application Serial No. 09/755,724, filed January 5, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,467,122, which claims the benefit of provisional patent application Serial No. 60/176,380, filed January 14, 2000.

Please delete paragraph [0005] in its entirety.

Please amend paragraph [0006] as follows:

[0006] ~~Further according to the invention, a~~ A cord wrap is mounted on the handle assembly for wrapping the cord in a loop, an electrical cord is mounted to the handle adjacent the cord wrap and connected to the vacuum source, and a strain relief collar is mounted on the electrical cord at the handle and aligned with the cord wrap so that the electrical cord is relatively straight and unstressed between the handle and the cord wrap. The strain relief projects from the handle in axial alignment with the cord wrap and is preferably formed of an elastomeric material.

Please delete paragraph [0007] in its entirety.

Please insert new paragraphs [0007.1] and [0007.2] as shown below:

[0007.1] In a preferred embodiment, the cord wrap has upper and lower cord wraps and the strain relief collar is mounted below the lower cord wrap and projects toward at least toward the upper cord wrap, and preferably also toward the lower cord wrap.